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TAGS: PINS LE

SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 3064

1. DEMONSTRATIONS AFTERNOON MAR 7 IN BEIRUT IN HONOR OF DECEASED  
MAAROUF SAAD PASSED WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT, AND WE UNDERSTAND SAME  
THING GENERALLY TRUE OF FUNERAL AND DEMONSTRATION IN SIDON. AS  
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OF 1700 LOCAL, SITUATION IN GENERAL IS QUIET, AND ATMOSPHERE IN

BEIRUT APPEARS TO BE CALMING. AIRPORT ROAD IS NOW OPEN, ROAD-BLOCKS IN AND AROUND CITY HAVE LARGELY BEEN REMOVED, AND WE HOPE FOR PROGRESSIVE RETURN TO NORMAL BETWEEN NOW AND TOMORROW MORNING.

2. ONLY AREAS OF VISIBLE UNEASINESS APPEAR TO BE IN LEBANON'S REFUGEE CAMPS, WHERE FEDAYEEN -- DOUBTLESS ENERGIZED BY LATEST REPORT ON RADIO ISRAEL THAT TEL AVIV TERRORISTS EMBARKED FROM BASE IN LEBANON--CONTINUE TO BE ON FULL ALERT. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN RECENT SHOOTING REPORTED IN ONE BEIRUT SUBURB (CHIAH), WHERE NUMBER OF CHRISTIAN-OWNED SHOPS WHICH HAD RE-OPENED IN LATE AFTERNOON DREW SMALL-ARMS FIRE FROM SUNNI ELEMENTS.

3. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SUNNI LEADERS AND CHRISTIAN CONTACTS, WE BELIEVE PROGNOSIS FOR TOMORROW MAR 8 IS FAVORABLE. HOUGHTON

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